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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 706

Offered January 14, 2019

*Celebrating the life of James Robert Bushong.*

Patrons—Austin; Senator: Newman

WHEREAS, James Robert Bushong, a celebrated educator and active Botetourt County community member, died on November 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, James "Jim" Robert Bushong was a lifelong Botetourt resident who studied at Lord Botetourt High School and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Dabney S. Lancaster Community College with a teaching certificate in architectural drafting and design; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bushong taught trades and construction skills at Botetourt Technical Education Center and at Lord Botetourt High School, impacting generations of students both through his mentorship and by organizing a yearly canned food drive during the holiday season; he held a wide variety of jobs including as Mr. Peanut, a radio DJ, a farmer, a painter, a butcher, a packaging designer, and an engineering draftsman; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bushong was involved in civic organizations like the Kiwanis Club of Botetourt, fundraising for the group's scholarship fund and laboring for the betterment of Botetourt County; he was recognized for his service with numerous awards and honors including the Richard Henegar, Jr. Acts of Kindness Community Award and being named Virginia Vocational Teacher of the Year and Virginia Association of Trade and Industrial Educators' Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Jim Bushong will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by his wife, Kay; his children, Kimberly and Kristal, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of James Robert Bushong, a celebrated educator and active Botetourt community member; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of James Robert Bushong as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for his memory.

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